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20. (Twice Amended) An emulsion comprising an oily phase dispersed in an aqueous phase, characterized in that the globules of the oily phase have an average size of less than 20 microns and are monodispersed, in that the oily phase constitutes at least 15% by weight relative to the total weight of the emulsion, in that the fatty substances in the oily phase consist essentially of oils and in that the aqueous phase contains at least one copolymer consisting of a major fraction of monoolefinically unsaturated C₃-C₆ carboxylic acid monomer or its anhydride and a minor fraction of acrylic acid fatty-chain ester monomer.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to require that the fatty substances in the claimed oily phase consist essentially of oils. In other words, solid fatty substances cannot be present in the oily phase in an amount sufficient to materially affect the claimed composition. Support for these amendments can be found, *inter alia*, at page 6, line 14-28 as well as in example 1.

Claims 1-10, 15-32 and 34-46 are currently pending, although claims 12, 13 and 30-32 have been withdrawn from consideration.

REMARKS

The pending claims relate to oil-in-water (O/W) emulsions containing a specified copolymer, oil globules which are monodispersed, and an oily phase in which the fatty substances consist essentially of oils. One significant benefit resulting from this unique combination of ingredients is that surfactants are not necessary to stabilize O/W emulsions containing these ingredients. As noted in the present specification, inclusion of surfactants in